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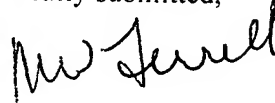
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## **Patents**

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,993,278, issued November 23, 1976, entitled "Latch Mechanism for Mounting Bracket Assembly, of *Race*;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,050,663, issued September 27, 1977, entitled "Mounting Bracket", of *Rogers*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,094,442, issued June 13, 1978, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *J.R. Radek*;
4. U.S. Patent 4,103,983, issued August 1, 1978, entitled "Quick Disconnect Slide Mount", of; *Morrison et al.*;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,311,252, issued January 19, 1982, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *S.N. Hope, Jr. et al.*;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,343,415, issued August 10, 1982, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *J.R. Radek*;
7. U.S. Patent 4,502,656, issued March 5, 1985, entitled "Non-Binding, Quick Disconnect Instrument Mount Assembly", of *Zeitler*;
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,679,703, issued July 14, 1987, entitled "Device for Preventing Napkins from Bunching at the Dispensing Opening in a Paper Napkin Dispenser", of *R.F. De Luca*;
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,754,943, issued July 5, 1988, entitled "Seat Pedestal", of *Froutzis*;
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,838,454, issued June 13, 1989, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *F.F. Salzmann et al.*;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,065,895, issued November 19, 1991, entitled "Variable Support for Fan-Folded Paper Dispenser", of *R.F. DeLuca et al.*
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,660,442, issued August 26, 1997, entitled "Adjustment Device for Chair Arms", of *Tornero*;
13. U.S. Patent No. 6,252,766, issued June 26, 2001, entitled "Computer With Peripheral Device Mounting Assembly", of *Radloff*;
14. U.S. Patent No. 6,334,544, issued January 1, 2002, entitled "Upright Napkin Dispenser", of *Christensen et al.*;
15. U.S. Patent No. 6,352,308, issued March 5, 2002, entitled "Support Frame Device for Connecting a Seat Portion to an Upright Post", of *Chen*; and

16. U.S. Patent No. 6,428,099, issued August 6, 2002, entitled "Child Vehicle Seat With Adjustable and Removable Base", of *Kain*.

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